

## **IC 20-2-9**

### **Chapter 9. Duties of School Township Trustees; Kindergarten Programs**

## **IC 20-2-9-1**

### **Employment of teachers; establishment of separate graded high schools; joint graded high schools**

Sec. 1. (a) The school trustees shall take charge of the educational affairs of their respective townships, towns, and cities. They shall employ teachers, establish and locate conveniently a sufficient number of schools for the education of the children therein, and build, or otherwise provide, suitable houses, furniture, apparatus, and other articles and educational appliances necessary for the thorough organization and efficient management of the schools. Such school trustees may also establish and maintain in their respective corporations, as near the center of the township as seems wise, at least one (1) separate graded high school, to which shall be admitted all pupils who are sufficiently advanced.

(b) The school trustees of two (2) or more school corporations may establish and maintain joint graded high school(s) in lieu of separate graded high schools, and when so done, they jointly shall have the care, management, and maintenance thereof. Any trustee, instead of building a separate graded high school for the trustee's township, shall transfer the pupils of the trustee's township competent to enter a graded high school to another school corporation. No such graded high schools shall be so built unless there are, at the time such house is built, at least twenty-five (25) common school graduates of school age residing in the township.

*(Formerly: Acts 1899, c.192, s.1; Acts 1901, c.224, s.1.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.444; P.L.1-1989, SEC.37.*

## **IC 20-2-9-2**

### **Length of school terms; local tuition levy authorized**

Sec. 2. Said school trustees shall maintain in each school corporation a term of school at least six (6) months in duration and shall authorize a local tuition levy sufficient to conduct a six (6) months term of school each year based on estimates and receipts from all sources for the previous year, which may include that received from the state's tuition revenue: Provided, Such levy shall not exceed the limit now provided by law.

*(Formerly: Acts 1899, c.192, s.2.)*

## **IC 20-2-9-3**

### **Management of property**

Sec. 3. Said school trustees shall have the care and management of all property, real and personal, belonging to their respective corporations for common school purposes, except the congressional township school lands, which lands shall be under the care and management of the trustees of the civil township to which such lands belong. Said school trustees shall provide such janitor help as may

be deemed necessary to properly care for the schools and premises under their control, and such janitors shall be paid from the special school funds of the township.

*(Formerly: Acts 1899, c.192, s.3; Acts 1907, c.218, s.1.)*

#### **IC 20-2-9-4**

##### **School lunch program; accounting methods**

Sec. 4. Each township trustee in operating a school lunch program may use either of the following accounting methods:

- (1) He may supervise and control the program through its school corporation account, establishing a school lunch fund.
- (2) He may have the program operated by the individual schools of the school corporation through the school corporation's extra-curricular account or accounts under IC 20-5-7.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.96, SEC.1.*

#### **IC 20-2-9-5**

##### **Textbook rental program; accounting methods**

Sec. 5. Each township trustee in operating a textbook rental program may use either of the following accounting methods:

- (1) He may supervise and control the program through its school corporation account, establishing a textbook rental fund.
- (2) Where no textbooks have been purchased and no financial commitments or guarantees for these purchases have been made by the school corporation, the township trustee may have this program operated by the individual schools of the school corporation through the school corporation's extra-curricular account or accounts under IC 20-5-7.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.96, SEC.2.*

#### **IC 20-2-9-6**

##### **Funds from programs under IC 20-2-9-4 and IC 20-2-9-5**

Sec. 6. (a) Where a school lunch fund or a textbook rental fund is created under section 4 or section 5 of this chapter the receipts and expenditures for each program shall be made to and from the proper fund without appropriation or the application of other laws relating to the budgets of local government units.

(b) Where either or both programs under section 4 and section 5 of this chapter are handled through the extra-curricular account, the township trustee shall approve the amount of the bond of the treasurer of the extra-curricular account in an amount he considers protects the account for all funds coming into the hands of that treasurer.

*As added by Acts 1976, P.L.96, SEC.3.*

#### **IC 20-2-9-7**

##### **Kindergarten programs**

Sec. 7. An educational program under this chapter shall include a kindergarten program that is at least a half day program.

*As added by P.L.111-1984, SEC.1.*

